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1. Beginning in March 1952, all Chinese Communist volunteer medical teams were ordered to return to Manchuria, team by team. By 5 April 1952, only the Tientsin Medical Service Team, 23 divisional teams, and a few other medical volunteers remained in North Korea. The transfer was probably due to the small number of casualties on the Korean front and the great need for medical personnel in Manchuria.

2. In November 1950, the Chinese Communists began to organize volunteer medical teams throughout China for three to six months service in Korea. During the past 18 months medical personnel was rotated according to plan, but the total number of volunteer medical teams on duty in Korea at any one time was not substantially reduced until the March 1952 order.

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1. ☐ Comment. Need for medical personnel in Manchuria may have arisen from epidemics there.

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